



Sunday Morning Worship
February 28, 2021

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you would like more information, please contact us at office@cityreformed.org or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

- Psalm 119:67

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:9, 21-23, 28b

Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.

Leader Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of
good news;

People **Lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold
your God!"...**

Leader Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told
you from the beginning? Have you not understood from
the foundations of the earth?

People **It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its
inhabitants are like grasshoppers;**

Leader Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads
them like a tent to dwell in;

People **Who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of
the earth as emptiness...**

Leader The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of
the earth.

People **He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is
unsearchable.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

*He is able. He is able.
Christ is able doubt no more.
Come ye sinners poor and needy,
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.
Come ye rescued from the grave,
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,
For the glory of His name.

What Wondrous Love Is This

(Words: Anonymous; Melody: American Folk Southern Harmony)

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

Call to Confession: James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are great! But, we confess that we are poor and needy. We feel our weakness and inability to control our surroundings. We confess that we often mask this reality with distraction. We confess that we sometimes use anger or deception to try to gain control. We humble ourselves before you. Restore us and renew our faith. You are our help and our deliverer. O Lord, do not delay! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Chronicles 18:1-19:3

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"The Divided Kingdom"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab. ²After some years he went down to Ahab in Samaria. And Ahab killed an abundance of sheep and oxen for him and for the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead. ³Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, my people as your people. We will be with you in the war."

⁴And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Inquire first for the word of the LORD." ⁵Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God will give it into the hand of the king." ⁶But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here another prophet of the LORD of whom we may inquire?" ⁷And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, Micaiah the son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so." ⁸Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, "Bring quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah." ⁹Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting on their thrones, arrayed in their robes. And they were sitting at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them. ¹⁰And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall push the Syrians

until they are destroyed.”¹¹ And all the prophets prophesied so and said, “Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph. The LORD will give it into the hand of the king.”

¹²And the messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, “Behold, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king. Let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably.”¹³ But Micaiah said, “As the LORD lives, what my God says, that I will speak.”¹⁴ And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?” And he answered, “Go up and triumph; they will be given into your hand.”¹⁵ But the king said to him, “How many times shall I make you swear that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?”¹⁶ And he said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, ‘These have no master; let each return to his home in peace.’”¹⁷ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”¹⁸ And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.”¹⁹ And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab the king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another.²⁰ Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’²¹ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’²² Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets. The LORD has declared disaster concerning you.”

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²³Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, “Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you?” ²⁴And Micaiah said, “Behold, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.” ²⁵And the king of Israel said, “Seize Micaiah and take him back to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son, ²⁶and say, ‘Thus says the king, Put this fellow in prison and feed him with meager rations of bread and water until I return in peace.’” ²⁷And Micaiah said, “If you return in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me.” And he said, “Hear, all you peoples!”

²⁸So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. ²⁹And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and go into battle, but you wear your robes.” And the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle. ³⁰Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, “Fight with neither small nor great, but only with the king of Israel.” ³¹As soon as the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, “It is the king of Israel.” So they turned to fight against him. And Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; God drew them away from him. ³²For as soon as the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. ³³But a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel between the scale armor and the breastplate. Therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn around and carry me out of the battle, for I am wounded.” ³⁴And the battle continued that day, and the king of Israel was propped up in his chariot facing the Syrians until evening. Then at sunset he died.

^{19:1}Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem. ²But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went

out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD.

³Nevertheless, some good is found in you, for you destroyed the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Lion and the Lamb

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty
Who can stop the Lord almighty

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD TONIGHT Sun 2/28:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00PM • 5:00PM • 6:00PM <p>3929 Coleman St., 15207</p> <p>Church Center App</p> 	<p>In-person service held three times INDOORS at GREENFIELD, with communion served all times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations, to help us keep within capacity limits (55/service) and add additional services if needed. If you would like assistance signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org. • Before attending, self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household. • Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old). • ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.***
<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact Sol@cityreformed.org. ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Ask the Professor - A Kids Zoom Call TODAY @ 12 Noon via Zoom</p>	<p>Kids, bring your BIG questions about the Bible to ask Professor Seulgi! For more info, contact Charis@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Spring Adult CE Webinar: "Is God a Racist, Genocidal Megolamaniac?: Making Sense of the Conquest Narratives" by Dr. Seulgi Byun NEXT Sunday 3/7 @ 7PM</p>	<p>We're offering three webinars designed to complement the church's 90-day reading plan, with the aim to address some of the biggest challenges when reading through the Bible, especially the narrative texts. The last topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Luke 24, The Angel of YHWH, and Christophanies: Where is Jesus in the OT?" by Dr. Brad Bitner (Westminster Seminary, Escondido, CA) - Saturday 3/20 @ 10AM <p>Contact Seulgi.byun@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Practice Zoom Congregational Meeting Sunday 3/7 @ 12:15PM</p>	<p>For those who need to practice using zoom for the congregational meeting, please join us on zoom, 3/7 at 12:15pm. Zoom link included in the Member Packet and will be also emailed out this week. During this time we will practice voting and we'll try to end by 12:30pm. Contact Joseph@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Spring Forward Sunday 3/14</p>	<p>Daylight Savings Time starts! Spring forward 1 hour before going to bed Saturday 3/13 evening.</p>

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<p>Annual CRPC Congregational Meeting Sunday 3/14 @ 12:30PM <i>Zoom Large Meeting</i></p>	<p>Members, please make it a priority to attend our first ever virtual congregational meeting. If you do not have a device or cannot connect via the internet, contact Pastor Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org). The Annual Member Packet has been emailed out to members. If you have not received it and would like one, please contact Sol@cityreformed.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Bacon will stand for election for office of Elder. • Eric Westman will stand for election for office of Deacon. Gary Atcheson and Kyle McMillan will stand for reelection as deacons. All three can serve if they are elected with a majority vote. • During the Women's Ministry portion of the meeting, the women of the church will vote on the following nominees: Hannah Westman, Irene Winkler, and Debbie Bacon will all stand for election to the women's ministry council; Rachael Leuenberger will stand for reelection. As many as four slots can be filled on the council.
<p>WCN Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign February</p>	<p>Fill our virtual baby bottle for Women's Choice Network! Donate online to support life giving work in our city: fundeasy.com/m/5090584 Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com).</p>
<p>NEED: Church Maintenance Position</p>	<p>We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo). Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Building Work Day Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM bit.ly/3uk8uFr</p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. <i>SIGN-UP online: bit.ly/3uk8uFr</i>. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>This is an opportunity for us do life and get to know each other, be of mutual encouragement to one another and to foster a sense of community. Contact Zenny@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture Through Easter</p>	<p>Start the new year by reading and worshipping through a large section of the Biblical story of "redemptive history" together. Learn more on our website under "Resources" or cityreformed.org/90-days-through-scripture. Hardcopies of the Updated Outline and the March Worship Liturgy are available. If you'd like a hardcopy mailed, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Survey: bit.ly/35FHIXk</p>	<p>CRPC Missions Committee is hoping to begin a weekly Zoom prayer meeting. If you are interested, please complete this survey online: bit.ly/35FHIXk. For more info, contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).</p>

<p>Youth Group Mondays @ 7-8PM Weekly on Mondays <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Youth group will combine high school and middle school into one meeting, using content from the church's 90-day reading plan. Contact Ben@cityreformed.org or Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we discuss and pray through the Tuesday Daily Bible Reading from CRPC's <i>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</i>. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p>Make Connections via Online Media</p>	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to:

- cityreformed.org/community-groups

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.
